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The New England Hospital for Women and Children not only actually organized the first training school for nurses in America, but when incorporated in 1863, its intention "To train nurses for the care of the sick" was stated in its by-laws, and it was the first institution in this country chartered with that object definitely expressed. This charter was granted by the Massachusetts Legislature, March 13, 1863.

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REPLY TO "SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NURSE"

DEAR EDITOR: After reading the protest of the Spanish-American War nurse, which was printed in the October number, may I, and a number of friends, send a few words of neutral protest? We, as true Americans, should agree on the peace problem. Why should this nurse attack Germany? Because American citizens were drowned aboard English vessels? Were they not sufficiently warned against traveling on vessels of the warring nations? How did Germany dare to tackle England, knowing her as a ruler over the seas, and her renowned naval force? Why does she mention Belgium, because Germany invaded that country? Did not Germany offer to pay indemnity for any destruction she might cause, Yes. No doubt nothing will be said about the landing of the English and French troops in poor little Greece, without that country's approval. There was no offer from England to that country for any destruction she might cause. Why does England insist on naming cotton contraband, but she may be supplied with ammunition. Then too, every interested American knows what England has always been to the United States. What was the cause of the Revolution? It was a German, Major-General Von Steuben, who drilled Washington's armies, which aided in making us free from England. Was it not England who encouraged the Civil War, by supplying us with ammunition, making that war so bitter, and to last so long? England, as far as history goes, has always rolled the stones, and let some one else throw them. Now then, let us own up to the fact that, in the bottom of our hearts, we have a great deal for which to thank Germany, especially education. The United States must look after its investments, the majority of which are in the countries of the Allies, hence our sympathy. Further more, as a nurse, it is wrong to uphold any war.

New York.

A NEUTRAL AMERICAN NURSE.

[While the letter department is open for the free expression of the JOURNAL readers' opinions, it would seem that letters such as this and the one in the October number to which it refers, accomplish nothing—ED.]